Delhi were drawing payment as Casual Labourer from the Railway department while simultaneously they were actually on the pay roll and appointment of Delhi Press in the year 1985-86;

(b) whether vigilance enquiries were conducted and facts were established;

(c) whether the same persons are still working temporary porters at New Delhi Parcel Office; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and what action the Railway Administration proposes to take against these employees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No such complaint has come to the notice of the Railway Administration.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Expansion of railway stations in Tamil Nadu and Kerala

1883. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of railway stations that were allotted funds in Tamil Nadu and Kerala for expansion during the last three years;

(b) what are the details of each case, including the amount spent and facilities added; and

(c) what are the names of stations included for expansion and modernisation this year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) 5 stations have been selected to be developed at Model Stations in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

(b) The five stations selected as Model Stations are as under:—

(In Lakhs of Rs.)

Name of the station	Amount spent
Tamil Nadu	
Madras Central	..
Tiruchirapalli	22.19
Madurai	5.52
Coimbatore	14.65
Kerala	
Trivandrum	..
TOTAL:	42.36

The facilities provided at the above stations are renovation/face lifting of the station building, raising of platforms, provision of urinals, foot-over bridge, platform shelter, drinking water facilities improvements to Reservation-Cum-Booking Office and Circulating Area, etc. depending upon the specific requirement of each station and availability of funds.

(c) No more station has been selected to be developed as Model Station during this year.

Enforcement of Dowry Prohibition Act

1884. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Indian Express dated 14th April, 1988 under the caption "Amended dowry Act" not enforced in four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in taking action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report states among other things that although the Dowry Prohibiton Act provides for extra-police intervention in handling dowry cases, the police and others concerned with these cases seem to know little about it.

(c) The reasons are as follows:—

(i) witnesses are not forthcoming easily.

(ii) in most of the cases no documentary evidence is available; usually the statements made by the girls' relatives are taken into account.

(iii) communication gap between the voluntary groups and the police

(iv) tardy response from State governments in setting up of Advisory Boards and appointing Dowry Prohibition Officers.

Summer specials by Southern Railway

1885. SHRI T. B. BALU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of summer specials run by southern railway last year;

(b) what were their destinations;

(c) what is the number of summer specials railways plan to run this year along with their destinations;

(d) what are the specific reasons for not running summer specials between Trivandrum and New Delhi; and

(e) whether any representation either official or non official was received by Government to this effect; if so, details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) 48 pairs.

(b) Trivandrum to Madras, Bangalore and Nizamuddin and Madras to Calicut and Cochin.

(c) 57 parts are proposed to run on the following routes:—

(i) Bangalore—Horwah .	17
(ii) Cochin—Bangalore .	8
(iii) Calicut—Madras .	8
(iv) Cochin —Madras .	8
(v) Trivandrum—Madras .	8
(vi) Tirunelveli—Madras .	8

(d) Increase in frequency of Kerala Express from Oct '87 and restoration of Himsagar Express from April '88.

(e) Yes, Sir. A representation has been received regarding *inter alia* for running of atleast weekly holiday specials between New Delhi and Trivandrum/Mangalore.

Use of Agati airport in Lakshadweep

1886. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the reply to the answer to Unstarred Question 978 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd March, 1988 and state what has been the use of and income from the Agati Island airport since January 15 last?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): Construction of Agatti airport has recently been completed. Vayudoot has